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■ TREE TRUNKS

**Suitable spaces
for public art
wanted by artist**

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Larry Rosnuk wants to see art flourish in public spaces.

And where better to start than right outside his own studio door.

A proposal by the Port Colborne artist was approved by council recently that will allow him to put metal sculptures on tree trunks on the boulevard along his Fraser St. studio.



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo
Port Colborne artist Larry Rosnuk has been given the OK from city council to install two metal sculptures on the boulevard along his Fraser St. studio.

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■ **LAND:** Not fit for project

New site needed for operations centre

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Port Colborne will have to find a new home for its proposed multimillion-dollar operations centre.

Council learned the site selected back in 2009 for construction of the new facility is actually unsuitable to build on.

After recently conducting a geotechnical study on the 5.7 hectares of city-owned industrial land on Stonebridge Dr., it was learned the soil consists mainly of clayey silt, peat/organic silt and silty clay from the surface to about 7.6 metres deep.

"The site is not suitable for any type of building," director of engineering and operations Ron Hanson told council.

It would cost the city an additional \$3 million to put in the proper supports to construct on the land, and as a result a new site is being looked for.

Preliminary design work already done for the project can still be used at the new location, Hanson said, though the environmental assessment conducted on the six original site options must be amended.

The amendment to the EA document is estimated to cost the city \$15,000 and will

be completed within eight to 10 weeks.

That cost will be absorbed into the \$800,000 debenture council approved in 2012 to hire project management and architectural firms to complete the detailed design of the building.

Ward 2 Coun. Angie Desmarais was surprised to learn that after all this time, the chosen land is not fit for the project.

She questioned whether the city has an existing piece of property with an environmental assessment already completed to avoid the extra cost.

The EA document must be reopened and amended for this specific project, Hanson said, stressing the importance of "going through the process."

It will look at other potential sites that may have become available in the past few years.

Hanson said the geotechnical study is not available at the EA stage because it would be costly to do at each potential site.

There are "four or five" other properties staff are looking at for the project, he said, though not all are city owned. Having to purchase a property, he added, would add to the project's price tag.

Ward 1 Coun. Dave Elliott



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Port Colborne needs to find another location to construct its new operations centre, which will replace the facility on King St. The site that had been chosen for construction has since been deemed unfit to build on.

was concerned the estimated cost of the new centre seems to be climbing.

It began at \$6.5 million, he said, and has since grown to \$10 million.

Hanson assured him staff were working to get costs down to that \$6.5-million

figure.

"There are no frills on this building," Hanson said.

"It's all needs, not wants in this facility."

The only way to bring the cost down, he said, is to "reduce the footprint of the building."

Major modifications 10 years down the road can be more costly than spending additional money now, he added.

"We don't want to be penny wise and dollar foolish," said Ward 3 Coun. Frank Danch.

"This is not the Taj Mahal.

We just need something functional for the city."

The new recommended site options are expected to be brought forward to council within the next two months.

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■ **ART**

Artist credits councillors for helping raise awareness

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The trees have died after falling victim to the emerald ash borer and Rosnuk would like to bring them back to life through art.

He would eventually like to see a metal crow, squirrel and perch on the boulevard — though only two of the sculptures have been approved thus far.

The city has improved the way it promotes art and culture in recent years, Rosnuk said, and he would like to see that trend continue.

He credited councillors for supporting the public installation to help raise awareness of art in the community.

While the artwork was approved for the public space, that green light did not come without discussion.

City staff initially recommended declining Rosnuk's request due to liability concerns.

Director of engineering and operations Ron Hanson said the trees will continue to rot over time and may not be able to support the weight of the sculptures.

"I'm not against artistic expression, but that's probably not the best place to have it," he said of the stumps.

Hanson also raised concerns the sculptures would get hit by snowplows in the winter time, becoming a potential hazard.

As snowplows didn't hit the trees in the past, they shouldn't hit the sculptures, Ward 4 Coun. Barbara Butters responded.

"This is a unique opportunity to display something no one else has," she said, adding the artwork will be

installed and maintained at Rosnuk's own cost.

If they become an issue, they can always be taken down, she said.

The sculptures, expected to be installed by mid-November, will be mounted with pipe and lag screws to the tree stumps, each cut to a different height.

While it is a "neat idea," Ward 4 Coun. Ron Bodner also raised issue over the weight of the sculptures on the dead tree trunks.

"There's got to be some liability here," he said, ques-

tioning who would make the determination over time whether the installation remained safe.

"I think maybe we're holding the reins a little too tightly here," said Ward 2 Coun. Angie Desmarais.

"We need to allow creativity in the city."

Coun. Yvon Doucet agreed with his Ward 2 counterpart that the boulevard was a suitable spot for Rosnuk's art.

He suggested the artist work with city staff to alleviate any concerns that might exist about the design.

Doucet even went so far as to say he would like to see an outdoor art area on the city's east side where work like Rosnuk's can be installed.

Ward 1 Coun. Bill Steele said Rosnuk must take responsibility for the artwork and must show liability coverage.

While the installation was ultimately approved, Bodner and Steele remained opposed.

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■ READINGS AT ROSELAWN: Former newspaper chain owner talks about his new book while in Port Colborne

Black touches on citizenship, U.S. leaders

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — While it pained him to do so, Conrad Black — Lord Black of Crossharbour — answered a question about giving up his Canadian citizenship in 2001.

Black opened the 20th season of the Readings at Roselawn Authors Series last Thursday evening, when he talked about his new book, *Flight of the Eagle: A strategic history of the United States*, and took questions from the audience.

In the book, Black examines the rise of the U.S. over the past couple of hundred years and looks at the contributions of key political figures, including Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan.

While most audience questions focused on the book and what he thought of presidents like Reagan and Bill Clinton, one member raised the citizenship issue.

Black felt it a reasonable question to answer.

"The circumstances in which I renounced were that I would attempt to regain it as soon as I could. I only did so because the courts in this country refused to accept that they had jurisdiction in the matter in which I approached them," said Black.

He said when he was put forward for the British House of Lords, all of the proper protocol was followed and nothing would prevent it as

long as he was a dual citizen and did not use the title in Canada.

"The prime minister at the time, Jean Chretien, advised Her Majesty the law of the country required him to oppose my peerage. The law did not require that. The statute he was using was a resolution that was not binding."

Black said Chretien was upset with stories his newspaper chain was writing about the prime minister and Liberal party.

Before Black addressed the citizenship matter, he talked about his new book.

"Benjamin Franklin was one of the greatest diplomats in the history of the world," he said, adding Franklin spent a great number of years in England.

While in England, Franklin encouraged investment and immigration for the 13 colonies, even though he had no official power. He soon became very well known to the British parliament and had great influence.

Franklin was able, said Black, to talk the British into expelling the French from North America, so they wouldn't be a threat to British interests there, including the colonies. He was also later able to talk the French into going to war against England with the American revolution started.

Black also spoke about the first U.S. president.

"George Washington is not recognized for the guerrilla war leader he was."

Black said Washington didn't fight the British close to the shoreline, he drew them inland where he drew them into a war over taxes than



Conrad Black was at Readings at Roselawn Authors Series to talk about his new book, *Flight of the Eagle: A strategic history of the United States*, and signed copies afterwards.

DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

ing, which they did in high numbers. He only fought a few conventional battles against the English army, and had no real support from the Continental Congress at the time.

"Washington kept the insurrection alive." As for the American Revolution, Black said it was more a war over taxes than

the fight for human liberty, as it was portrayed.

"Thomas Jefferson sold the war to the world as the dawn of human liberty. Americans had no more rights after the war than they had before. They had no greater rights than the British."

Black called it the American genius of the spectacle and said the country knows how

to use public relations and the media to sell ideas.

The former newspaper chain owner spoke for about 90 minutes before signing copies of his book.

He has also written biographies on Maurice Duplessis, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Nixon, as well as memoirs *A Life in Progress* and *A Matter of Principle*.

Up next in the authors series is former Canadian boxer George Chuvalo with his book *Chuvalo: A Fighter's Last Gladiator*. He will talk about the book on Friday, Oct. 25, a departure from the normal Thursday readings.

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■ ourview

Where's the support for Christians?

Just another bloody week for the Christian diaspora. A church is bombed in Pakistan and 45 people are killed while more than 140 more are maimed. The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility.

Violence and civil unrest rocks Damascus and Aleppo, forcing Syrian churches to close their doors, possibly forever.

"Thousands of elite Philippine troops battle Muslim guerrillas of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) who raise churches before they occupy the key port of Zamboanga."

Christians in the southern Egyptian town of Darga are forced to watch as a Muslim mob set fire to an ancient monastery and steal its contents.

All played out against the backdrop of a shopping mall terror attack in Kenya where Muslims are asked to leave before hostages are taken.

Yes, just another instalment of terror that is matched only by the silence of political leaders refusing to speak in support of the persecuted.

From Algeria in the west to Iran in the east and deep into Asia, Christians are being kidnapped, terrorized, tortured, raped and murdered. Their fate looks to be at risk in the very heartlands that first inspired their faith, as well as in the furthest-flung corners of the globe.

The cause is aggressive Muslim fundamentalists seeking to change Christians from land they have occupied for thousands of years.

Their fate is barely remarked and little acknowledged — with Canada among the honourable exceptions.

All sorts of religions are attacked for a variety of reasons, yet Christians appear to be alone as they robustly back their right to exist. When it comes to specific acts of Muslim-on-Christian violence, the silence is deafening.

For the Taliban and like-minded terror groups, the key factor is always religion and they know they can act with impunity.

The connections they make are not national, or ethnic, or geographic, but religious. Hence, since they regard America and Britain and Canada and France and Australia and dozens of other countries as essentially Christian, they kill Christians to amplify their assumed religious superiority. As long as our ruling elites remain terrified of offending Islam, the self-proclaimed religion of peace that claims sole ownership of the term "persecuted minority," the fundamentalists will do as they please.

(REV.) DR. STEVEN DAVIS
Central United Church, Port
Colborne

One thing that I've been following fairly closely recently is the debate in Quebec about preventing public servants from wearing religious symbols while at work. It's an interesting debate. What, really, is the role of the state in deciding that people shouldn't be exposed to religious symbols? Does the state even have such a role?

A colleague of mine who has served in the past in Quebec has suggested that people from Ontario and elsewhere in Canada really need to stay out of this debate — that such interference is only going to enflame the passions and possibly revive the separatist movement by doing so. Possibly. I've never lived in Quebec, so I don't have a real handle on how sensitively such "interference" will be taken.

There is, though, a deeper issue that seems (as far as I've seen) to have gone largely unaddressed.

Apparently as a part of this move, the Quebec government is going to establish a so-called "Charter of Human Values" which enshrines "religious neutrality" as a value. I struggle with that concept.

Is religious neutrality actually a value? I wonder if you can make a blanket statement that neutrality is always a value. There are things we should just stay out of because it's none of our business, and neutrality is the direction we have to take, no doubt.

But there is really a sentiment growing that says that in general terms taking a stand on religion — having deep religious convictions — is not a value, while being "religiously neutral" is a value?

Or is this "religious neutrality" really a way of

saying that unbelief is fine and dandy, but anybody who actually believes anything — who actually has a faith — is denying our values? In other words, if "religious neutrality" is a value, then what is religious conviction? A weight on our society that needs to be thrown off?

Some would say that's true. Some blame religion for everything bad that's ever happened. Some see violence committed in the name of religion and say that religion is evil and religion is poison and it must be done away with. And, of course, they're entitled to that opinion.

But religion isn't the only thing that causes conflict and even violence. Should we make, for example, political neutrality a value, and implicitly say that political conviction is an evil to be stamped out? There's been a lot of violence done in the name of ideology and even violence should we ban sports? I've seen riots over

mayhem break out after sporting events. I've known family members who rarely speak because one supports one team and another supports another. Seriously? So should we declare "sporting neutrality" a value? Of course not.

The reality is that as a society we need people who will stand up and be counted for what they believe. What we don't need is an entire society that becomes afraid to take a stand on anything — be it religion or anything else.

I'm quite happy to leave it to Quebec to decide what their public employees should or shouldn't be allowed to wear while on the job. Quebecers need to sort that out for themselves. But, in general terms, I fear the idea of "neutrality" — religious or otherwise — being entrenched as a "value," simply because of what it seems to say about those who have deep convictions — about anything!

Strange ... I mean really strange men I have known



WILLIAM THOMAS
HUMOUR

several years earlier he had accidentally shot off part of his wedding tackle with the .45-calibre handgun that he kept stuffed down the front of his baggy blue jeans. Ah, if it's a choice, I'll take "Tommy" any day. And to avoid a truckful of real bad puns, I think we're all relieved this guy's name wasn't Richard.

In Brunswick, Georgia, detectives picked up a suspect in a purse snatching minutes after it happened and returned him to the scene of the crime, informing him he was going to have a face-to-face identification with the victim. They handed him out of the cruiser and positioned him directly in front of the woman. There was a pause and then the suspect said, "Up, that's the woman I robbed, all right?" Okay, maybe he's just new

at this.

Over 400 hygiene experts gathered in Hong Kong for four days a few years back to discuss "The Culture of the Toilet." Said Sachiko Azaki of the Japan Toilet Association, "We have to make toilets something we can love." Well, when it comes to loving toilets, we here in Canada take pride in the thousands and thousands of university students who hug the porcelain almost every weekend.

When a woman at Memorial University in St. John's was facing nudity charges after being discovered naked with a man in the library study room, school spokesman Peter Morris said "I'll be frank: It does have its humorous elements, doesn't it?" Actually, Peter those elements would be a lot more humorous if the two defensive line-men from the football team caught naked in the study and they asked you to be Frank.

Add to the mix "We have no desire for people to be nude in the library." No,

but it would sure get those freshmen cracking the books on the shelves.

A favourite quote of the time came from Albert Kraus of Chicago while he attended the — I'm absolutely not making this up — Living in Leather IX convention in Toronto with 450 other aficionados of sadomasochism. Said Kraus, "Sadomasochism is practiced with the heart and the mind." Good grief. Whatever happened to whips and sticks and riding crops?

Added Kraus "Today we are practicing safe sadomasochism." Believe me, I'm no expert in the field, but if you do it right, isn't somebody supposed to get hurt?

But the three guys I most wanted to have beer with were American's Joseph VanWart, Robert White and John ...

Some time ago, while travelling west out of New York, these three young men stopped and picked up a dog, later identified as Buddy.

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■ THOMAS

Buddy wasn't far from home

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Buddy was digging through the trash beside a highway near Central Islip, New York and to keep the dog from being hit, the guys loaded him into their car.

Pleased with their new friendship, the four of them proceeded to travel through New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas and finally to their home town of Fort Collins, Colorado. I can just imagine the fun – wolfing down burgers, all cuddled up and snoring in the back seat, taking a leak beside the road – all the things guys like to do on a road trip.

Then came the words which once inspired me to write a book entitled *Guys – Not Real Bright And Damn Proud Of It!* “That’s when we discovered,” said one of the young men from Fort Collins, who wished to remain anonymous, “that Buddy had tags.” That’s right; Buddy was carrying identification, which showed he hailed from Central Islip, New York, not too far from the heap of garbage he was rooting through.

Look, nobody said we were the smarter of the sexes, but there’s never been any doubt as to who has more fun. To these three heroes (at least in the eyes of a smelly mutt who loves to go for long car rides), I say this: “I love you, Man! But no way, Johnny, you can’t have Buddy.”

Buddy, by the way, has since returned to Central Islip, New York, safe albeit somewhat confused. He no longer accepts rides from strangers, but he’s not exactly sure why.

How about we designate 2014 The Year Of The Guy? Mission statement: “Men – we have the right to remain stupid, behave badly, own a rubber chicken and a whoopee cushion and operate them at the same time.”

Warning: Women, do not attempt to match these extra-ordinary achievements of the stronger sex. You are neither physically nor psychologically equipped for such exploits, plus you could hurt yourself giggling.

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Pie in the eye for a good cause



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Students at St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School in Port Colborne raised more than \$1,700 for the Terry Fox Foundation and two students had the chance to hit their teachers in the face with whipped-cream pies. The school, which has 180 students, originally set out to raise \$400. In the photo, Ella Kalalief throws her pie at teacher Mike Caldwell, while Emily Meyden gets ready to hit teacher Phillip Saltarelli. In the back are teachers and Terry Fox Run organizers at the school Michelle Corrie, left, and Celena Bonadio.

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Preventing kitchen fires is the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week, which runs Oct. 6 to 12.

It's a theme taken quite seriously in Port Colborne, where two recent fires have resulted from stoves being left unattended, said fire Chief Tom Cartwright.

Residents are reminded to stay in the kitchen, pay attention and to drink responsibly while making their favourite

dishes.

To further promote fire safety, Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services is hosting an event on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Kilgill St. W. fire hall.

Running from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., it will include an inflatable fire safety house, the Ontario Provincial Police rollover simulator, free hotdogs and drinks, face painting and prizes.

There's no cost to attend, but visitors are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Port Cares Reach Out Centre.



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Member of the Month
Perry DeMan



My first step was to join GYM Fitness there I found a friendly supportive staff. I have been educated on my eating habits when I joined as a copy of GYM's book (Eat smart, Eat often, Eat more) has been given an important information that I incorporated into my daily routine along with weight resistance and my goals. Every time I see myself change side of me and how I feel I feel that I am well. Within a few short months I started to see the rewards of my efforts. I had broken the 200 lb. mark during a weighing in Feb. (from Feb. 2003 to June 2003) I was able to lift 100 lbs. I continued with my routine of working and eating healthy and have reached my goal of 170 lbs. in Sept. 2003.

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—Perry DeMan

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MONDAY

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Association Meet at the
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vice community room, 5 Lin-
coln St., Welland, starts at 7
p.m.

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CITY OF PORT COLBORNE HYDRANT FLUSHING Fall 2013

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During this period residents may notice a slight discoloration in the water. Residents may wish to run their tap until the water is clear. If there are any inquiries, please contact the Public Works Division at (905-835-5079).

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OCTOBER 8**
BOOK READING
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NIAGARA SECULAR
Humanists invite everybody to our monthly event, discussing "The Religious War Against Science." It starts 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Building, 223 Church St., St. Catharines, next to Delta Bingo. Our vice-president, John Berry, will lead the event. The discussion will include a panel of NSH members and friends as well as other free-

thinkers. A Q&A period will follow. Members free, visitors \$4. Call 905-641-2603 for more information, or visit nsh.humanists.ca.

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 9**
WELLAND CAMERA CLUB
welcomes Doug Hartsger of North Tonawanda, N.Y., who is presenting a workshop on portrait photography at 7:30 p.m. at Wesley United Church, 244 First Ave. N., Welland. All are welcome.

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 10**
FIRE TRUCK VISIT
Join local firefighters for a talk on fire safety at Pelham Public Library, complete with a story and a fire truck. Everyone welcome at 1 p.m. Free, but pre-registration required.

PASTA NIGHT AT CASA DANTE
Takeout dinners are available for \$8 from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sauce, meatballs, minestrone soup, and pasta fagioli are also available for takeout. Note: Eat in has been cancelled.

NIAGARA PROSTATE CANCER
support group meets at 7 p.m. at the Canadian Cancer Society office, 45 Hannover Dr., St. Catharines. Cancer information and informal discussions. Men and women welcome. For more information call 905-934-1885.

PHILOSPHER'S CAFE
at Wainfleet Township Public Library at 6:30 p.m. This month's topic of discussion is: Are Ethics and Morals Still Important? All welcome.

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 11**
GET COOKIN'
with Fire Safety. Bring the family with Fire Safety at Port Colborne Public Library for this fun and informative session with games and activities on the theme of kitchen safety. Pelham Fire Department's extrication team will demonstrate the Jaws of Life and other rescue tools. Time 5 p.m.; cost free.

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FAMILY WII NIGHT
at Wainfleet Township Public Library, 6 to 7:30. All ages are welcome to drop in to play Nintendo Wii.

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 16
SPEAK UP!**

Conversations with Family: Independence and Personal Care. Topics like health care, living arrangements and finances are important. Talking about these things can be difficult. Learn about the steps you can take to have these conversations, assure that wants and needs are known and give your loved ones clear direction. Free 6 p.m. session at Pelham Public Library.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 12
PAINTING WITH MARGARET**
at Port Colborne Public Library. Paint a wooden pumpkin for Halloween. Ages six to 12. Cost is \$4. Pre-register.

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 15
SEARCHING A FAMILY TREE**
What records are available for searching in Pelham and surrounding areas? Steve Fulton from the Niagara chapter of the Ontario Genealogical Society will discuss local census records, funeral homes, land registry, local archives and libraries at Pelham Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$3. Please register ahead.

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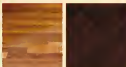
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MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

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Council recently approved the increase of cash fares to \$2.75 from

\$2.50 for adults and to \$1.50 from \$1.25 for children 12 and under.

The cost to ride the LINK bus between Port Colborne and Welland will remain at \$3.50.

The rates are the same as those offered by Welland Transit and are comparable to other municipalities in the region, said corporate and community services director Peter Senese.

The West Community Bus Route will change to help better service customers who shop at Food Basics. People often walk from the store with their grocery carts to the nearest bus stop at city hall, Senese said.

The carts are often left at city hall and the grocery store must be called to pick them up, he said.

A small change has been made to the route that will now see the bus come off Ash St. and turn left on Elm St. for a stop at Elm St. and Charlotte St., near the grocery store, before turning onto Charlotte and heading to city hall.

Council has also approved a transit advisory committee recommendation to extend hours of service in the morning to 7 and in the evening to 6. The extension is part of a pilot project that will be monitored to see how often it is used by riders.

Reserve funds will be used to pay for the anticipated \$42,000 it will cost to run the project for a full year, Senese said.

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ment to endorse the rec-

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Kevin Smith to build a South
Niagara hospital on the out-

skirts of Niagara Falls.

"I think it shows the
Liberals have written off
Niagara that after a year-
and-a-half, they still have
not moved forward on this
project," Hudak said during a
news conference Friday.
Hudak broached the sub-

ject at Queen's Park Thursday
and reinforced his message
when asked about health care
during a stop in Niagara Falls.
He was in town to discuss
skilled trades in Ontario and
spoke in front of a home under
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■ HUDAK

Maves has been touting two hospitals

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Maves said he has been championing the concept of two full-service hospitals in Niagara — one in the north and one in the south — dating back to his time as an MPP before 2003.

"You need a concentration of specialists to be back up for general-practitioner physicians, otherwise general practitioners won't come

here and we've had this problem where we didn't have enough people with a family doctor," said Maves.

Maves said he believes a south Niagara hospital will be a hot-button issue during the upcoming byelection.

Last year, Smith recommended the province support building a hospital near Lyons Creek Rd. and the QEW.

It was one of two areas agreed to by a group of south

Niagara mayors set up after Smith suggested a second hospital — to complement the new one in St. Catharines — he built in the region.

The group provided Smith with the QEW and Lyons Creek Rd. in Niagara Falls or Hwy. 140 and East Main St. in Welland.

Health Minister Deh Mathews has maintained there is not a consensus in south Niagara for a hospital

to be built on that site in Niagara Falls and is reluctant to support such a location until that becomes the case.

Some people, particularly in Welland, Port Colborne and Wainfleet, don't believe the Honeymoon Capital is in south Niagara and want the hospital moved closer to their community.

The way Hudak sees it, the government should back Smith's recommendation.



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Ontario PC Leader Tim Hudak, right, and candidate Bart Maves.



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■ **TURBINES:** Niagara Region Wind Corp. appears before Wainfleet council

Come back later, wind company told

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WAINFLEET — Niagara Region Wind Corp. has the right to use township roads for its wind turbine project and will explore other options if Wainfleet council isn't willing to negotiate, company spokeswoman Randi Rahamim says.

Rahamim and lawyer Patrick Duffy, representing NRWC, on

behalf of the firm Stikeman Elliott, were in front of aldermen last week to talk about road use agreements and a viaduct/hand. Nevada Craghan, chair and CEO of Niagara Region Wind Corp., was in the audience, but did not speak.

While such agreements are usually conducted behind closed doors, earlier this year Wainfleet council decided to make the negotiations public and asked NRWC to make an

appearance.

NRWC has applied to have up to 80 wind turbines installed in West Lincoln, Haldimand and Wainfleet. Of those turbines, 40 would go in West Lincoln, 30 in Haldimand and seven in Wainfleet.

"I'm a bit baffled about the process. We presented the agreements to Mayor April Jeffs and (then) planner Grant Munday 5½ months ago. We

understand you want to negotiate in open session, but are unclear on how we do that," said Rahamim, in front of about 50 protesters in the community room of the township fire hall.

Rahamim said the road use agreement would allow the company to move turbine parts and access the construction sites.

"The main purpose of a road agreement is to hold us

accountable ... for returning the road to its current, or better, condition," she said, pointing to a 20-page document.

As for the vibrancy fund, that would see NRWC give money back to the community at a rate of \$3,500 per megawatt. In Wainfleet's case, that would be \$85,000 a year, or \$1.7 million over the lifetime of the project. There are also payments of \$5,000

per kilometre for transmission lines.

Rahamim said the two legal documents were detailed and told council she couldn't summarize them without missing details.

"Details are important. We're here to answer questions and get guidance on what the next steps will be," she said.

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Wainfleet council not certain how to proceed in turbine matter

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Jeffs said council heard from the public that negotiations should not be behind closed doors.

"With all due respect, we don't even want to deal with this."

She said council wasn't sure how to proceed with the matter either in an open process, as it was new to both

parties.

Duffy told the mayor and council that NRW needs to move forward with the agreements to meet timelines under its contract and wants to work out terms before final

government approval for the project is in place.

"It's important to get the process started even if council is not going to give its approval," Duffy said.

Jeffs said there's frustra-

tion on the township's side because it doesn't have a large staff to deal with the issue.

"This is uncharted waters for the municipality and staff. We don't want to make mis-

takes ... we can't go in blindly and take what you say at face value, no disrespect."

The mayor suggested waiting to see if NRW's projects are approved before moving forward.

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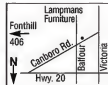
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PROPOSED CHANGE

An amendment to the Regional Policy Plan is being undertaken to update the hamlet policies in order to ensure conformity with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Greenbelt Plan and to implement the settlement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) on the appeal of Amendment 2-2009 (Niagara 2031). The proposed amendment establishes the importance of Hamlet communities, creates growth and development policies for hamlets and aligns policies with Provincial legislation and Amendment 2-2009. The amendment will also include defined boundaries and mapping of hamlets based on previous decisions made in conjunction with the local municipalities. The proposed amendment will be applicable to all hamlets throughout the Region and will include both text and mapping changes.

HAVE YOUR SAY

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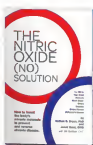
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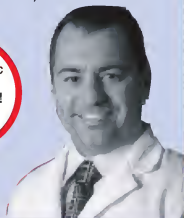
is a professor of molecular medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. He is a leading expert on nitric oxide biochemistry and physiology and has published over 60 papers, edited or written 4 books on the subject. He is also an inventor on 3 issued US patents on 5 pending worldwide. Dr. Bryan is co-founder and Chief Science Officer of Neogenis Labs, Inc.

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